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[54] **CLEANING CONTACT LENSES WITH SOLUTION OF BROMELAIN AND CARBOXYPEPTIDASE**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A method and composition for the effective cleaning and treatment of soft, high water content, contact lenses, particularly the non-aphakic lens approved for general extended use and the aphakic lenses approved for prescribed use as a method of visual correction for the aphake. The method comprises immersing the lens in an aqueous solution which includes the protease, bromelain, as a principal ingredient and a further minor portion of carboxypeptidase enzyme, as the cleansing and treatment agent. The combination of bromelain and carboxypeptidase enzymatic agents produces surprisingly better cleansing results, in substantially shorter time, than either agent alone. The solution removes protein, mucin, lipid, calcium, mineral, and other physiologically encountered debris from the lens; and the lens so treated shows enhanced resistance to the accumulation of further deposits when subsequently worn by the patient.

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